

# Greensprings Interpretive Trail *and* Powhatan Creek Trail

James City County, Virginia

## Trail Guide



**Greensprings Interpretive Trail**  
3751 John Tyler Highway

**Powhatan Creek Trail**  
3131 Ironbound Road

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## Greensprings Interpretive Trail

The Greensprings Interpretive Trail is a 3.5-mile gravel-based, pedestrian trail that loops through a landscape of beaver ponds, wetlands and forests. The trail is on wetlands adjacent to Mainland Farm (the oldest continuously cultivated farm in America's first English settlement), and includes sections of wooden boardwalk as well as interpretative signs about the environment, events of the early colonists and American Indians and area wildlife. With over 200 species of birds documented on this trail, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has named the Greensprings Interpretive Trail part of the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. This trail is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Parking at the Trailhead is located behind Jamestown High School and is available daily 8 a.m. to sunset.



## Powhatan Creek Trail

The Powhatan Creek Trail features some of the best views that nature has to offer. While biking, jogging or walking along this scenic trail you'll be treated to the soothing sounds of fresh water streaming down the Powhatan Creek as you cross over it using the 696-foot long timber bridge. This paved 2-mile, 8-foot wide multiuse trail connects to the Greensprings Interpretive Trail, the historic site known as Church on the Main, Mainland Farm and the Virginia Capital Trail. This trail is open daily sunrise to sunset and parking is available behind Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School.

## Trail Etiquette and Safety Tips

Observe all posted rules and regulations. Refer to the James City County Parks and Recreation Public Facilities Rules and Regulations brochure for additional rules not listed below.

- Children under the age of 12 must be supervised at all times by a parent, or a guardian at least 16 years old.
- Pets must be secured by a collar and a chain, cord or leash no longer than eight (8) feet in length, and the pet must be under the owner's complete and immediate control at all times. Loose dogs can be hazardous to other users.
- Hike/ride with a partner.
- Stay alert, be aware of your surroundings and know which trail you're using. If you wear earphones, inserting only one earpiece is suggested so that you'll be able to hear if another user is on the trail behind you.
- Stay on the trail. Going off of the trail can damage the environment, threaten wildlife and accelerate erosion. Be considerate of adjacent property owners and do not use their property for trail access without permission.
- Stay to the right and alert others by saying "on your left" when passing.
- It is helpful to carry a cell phone and a whistle and/or other noise maker, and identification such as name, phone number, pertinent medical information — all are very important in case of an emergency.
- Please refrain from using trails after major storm events until staff has time to ensure they are safe.
- Leave no trace behind! Help keep the trail clean by depositing waste in recycling and trash receptacles.





## Need Help?

If you need assistance, have comments or concerns or need trail updates, please call the Parks Office at 757-259-5360, the Park Ranger at 757-592-1665 or email [parks.rec@jamescitycountyva.gov](mailto:parks.rec@jamescitycountyva.gov). Please call 911 for all emergencies.

## For More Information

For more information on James City County Parks and Recreation parks, programs and activities, pick up a copy of the Destination Recreation Activity Brochure at all public County and park facilities, visit us online at [jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation](http://jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation) or call 757-259-5360.





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